

REMARKS

Examiner has kindly provides reference prior arts about the present invention, and thus the applicant has more information about the invention. All details of the reference prior arts are fully considered and compared with the present invention.

Indeed the citations disclose some features of the present invention, and the applicant agrees with these viewpoints, however applicant discovers that some features of the present invention are not wholly disclosed by the citations, which are claimed in the original specifications and especially drawings.

The applicant decides to cancel Claims 1 to 5, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add new claim 6. The claim 6 is the combination of the original claims 1 to 5. Thereby it is assured that no new matter is added. The relations of the new claim with respect to the original claims are shown in the following

Claim 6. (New) ~~4-~~ A combined rack and containers comprising:

a rack 1 being in an L-shaped form and having a plurality of engagement mounts 10 disposed thereon;

a plurality of containers 2 capable of being supported on said rack 1 and each provided with an engagement recess 20 disposed in a bottom thereof; and,

whereby said plurality of containers 2 can be securely held on said rack 1 in place by making said engagement recesses 20 of said containers respectively engaged with said engagement mounts of said rack.

~~2. The combined rack and containers as claimed in claim 1,~~
wherein said rack is provided with a plurality of mounting keyholes

11 disposed in a rear wall thereof so that said rack may be conveniently fastened to a wall.

~~3. The combined rack and containers as claimed in claim 1,~~
wherein said rack 1 is provided with a plurality of recessed holes disposed in an outside surface of a bottom thereof and each of said recessed holes 12 is inserted with a non-slipping member 13 securely therein so that said rack may be conveniently placed on a table top without slipping away.

~~4. The combined rack and containers as claimed in claim 1,~~
wherein said plurality of engagement mounts of said rack are designed to be in an approximately semicircular form.

~~5. The combined rack and containers as claimed in claim 2,~~
wherein suction cups 3 are capable of being connected with said mounting keyholes of said rear wall of said rack for attaching to smooth surfaces so that said rack may be conveniently fastened to smooth surfaces.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NOVELTY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

Although each of the cited many citations have a part of the feature of the claim 6. However the present invention combines the features in many citations. Furthermore, we have checked the claims of these citations, we found that no single claim is included in the claim 6 of the present invention.

However the present invention forms a new structure which can **provide a plurality of functions and provide a great convenience in application.** None of the prior art can provide the same functions and applications as those in the present invention. Thereby this is the improvement of the present invention over the prior art.

Furthermore, although many components of the present invention can

be got from the citations, but as above said, the present invention provides a great convenience than the citations. Moreover the cited many prior arts are patented, but we can see that each of the citations is formed by many different components, these components are also known in the prior art. This is to say, any of the citations is the combination of a plurality of known prior art components, while they are patented. Thus, from this viewpoint, the present invention is also novel and inventive which does not object due to the components of the present invention are known in the prior art.

Applicant requests and authorizes Examiner to amend the claims of the present invention so that the claim and specification can match the requirement of U. S. Patent. Attentions of Examiner to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Since in above discussion, it is apparent that no prior art has the features of the present invention, especially in new claim 6. Furthermore, as we know that no other prior art has features of the present invention. Thus, the present invention is novel and inventive.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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